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Bonus to the mazdoors of the Government Cinchona department.

* 151 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government gave any bonus to the mazdoors of the Government Cinchona department in 1952–53; and

(*b*) if so, what percentage of the earned wage was given as bonus and what was the total amount paid as bonus during 1952–53?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Sri K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Is it not a fact that the Government were giving bonus to the mazdoors in the Cinchona department previously? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir. Bonus can be given when there is profit from the Cinchona factory. As a matter of fact, in the year 1947–48, when we made some profits, we gave bonus to the mazdoors calculated at 6¼ per cent of the basic wages earned during that year. Again in 1950–51, we had some profit and we gave bonus calculated at 3 per cent of the basic wages earned during that year. During the years 1951–52 and 1952–53, there has been loss to the factory and, therefore, the question of payment of bonus does not arise. But still, the matter is under consideration. We have called for the remarks of the Commissioner of Labour."

Grant of extension of service to gazetted officers.

* 152 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of gazetted officers who were given extension of service after the date of superannuation or re-employed after retirement or resignation in the residuary Madras State since the answer given to Question No. 292, dated 5th December 1952; and

(*b*) the total number of Brahmans and Non-Brahmans among them?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) No officer was granted extension of service in the residuary Madras State during the period. The total number of gazetted officers re-employed is 44.

" (*b*) This Government cannot agree to follow a policy of classification which has been ruled out by the Constitution, although it had been sanctioned by more than two decades of the previous period in Madras State. The number is small enough for the hon. Member to find out for himself by private enquiry. The caste to which a senior officer belonged at

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the time of his retirement is an accident. The real factors are good work and good health that kept officers going and earned promotion for them under various Governments."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Will the Hon. Minister be able to tell us who those officers are who have been re-employed after superannuation and who are now occupying high positions in this State after the separation of Andhra? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" Does the hon. Member want the names of those officers? "

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" No, Sir. I want only their number."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There is no question of these officers occupying high positions in this State, Sir. They are only re-employed. I have already answered that there are as many as 44 such officers who have been re-employed during the period which the hon. Member has asked for in his question."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" In view of the fact that the Hon. Minister for Education has refused to give the names of those officers who have been re-employed, may I request the Hon. Minister to place before this House a list of the names of those officers who have been re-employed? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I shall consider the suggestion, Sir."

SRI M. C. MUTHUKUMARASWAMY :—" கெஜட் பதிவுள்ளஅநேக உத்தியோகஸ்தர்கள் உத்தியோக உயர்வு இல்லாமல் இருக்கும்பொழுது ரிடையரான உத்தியோகஸ்தர்களை மறுபடியும் நியமிப்பது நியாயமா ? கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் இதற்குள்ள காரணத்தை விளக்குவார்களா ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" இதைப்பற்றி முன்னமேயே ஒரு கேள்வி போடப்பட்டு, பதில் அளிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" In answer to a previous question, I have mentioned under what circumstances the re-employment has been made."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Is it not a fact that the present Director of Public Instruction is being ousted and a superannuated person who has been sent back from Andhra State is being employed in that place? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The present Director of Public Instruction herself has been re-employed."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Even though the Constitution taboos the discussion of communities in the matter of appointments to public services, because the same Constitution declares that backward classes and Schedule Castes and Tribes should be

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given some concessions in the matter of appointment to public services, may I know from the Hon. Finance Minister how many backward class officers are there among the 44 officers who have been re-employed? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Constitution refers to the first stage of recruitment. It has nothing to do with re-employment after retirement. The hon. Member may find for himself how many backward class officers are there among the 44 who have been re-employed. I think they are only quite few."

Pilot Scheme of the Neyveli Lignite Mines.

* 153 Q.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state— 10-30 a.m.

(*a*) when the Pilot Scheme of the Neyveli Lignite Mines was started;

(*b*) how many feet have been dug till now; and

(*c*) how many tons of lignite have been extracted so far?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) The Pilot Scheme was started on 5th March 1953.

" (*b*) A quarry of 600′ × 600′ at top has been dug in steps, the maximum depth being 90′ and average depth being about 50′. The work is in progress.

" (*c*) No lignite has been extracted from the Pilot Quarry so far. It may, however, be mentioned that 150 tons of lignite were extracted from a 10-feet diameter pit-shaft near this quarry during September 1951."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" இந்த வேலை ஆரம்பித்து ஒரு வருஷ காலமாகியும், அங்கே இருக்கக்கூடிய இயந்திரங்களில் பல அடிக்கடி ரிபேர் ஆகிவிடுவதினால் வேலை துரிதமாக செய்ய முடியவில்லை என்று சொல்லப்படுகிறது. இது உண்மைதானா? அப்படியானால் நல்ல இயந்திரங்களை உபயோகித்து அல்லது அங்கேயுள்ள பழைய இயந்திரங்களை ரிப்பேர் செய்து வேலை துரிதமாக நடக்க கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் முயற்சிப்பார்களா? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The difficulty is in the non-availability of machinery. We have just purchased two such machinery at a cost of nearly Rs. 5 lakhs. As soon as they arrive on the spot, I am sure we shall be able to hasten the progress and speed."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" ஏற்கனவே அங்கே இருக்கக் கூடிய இயந்திரங்கள் அடிக்கடி ரிப்போகிவிடுகிறது. திறமை இல்லாத வங்காளிகள் அங்கு வேலை செய்வதனாலும், திறமையுள்ள நம் தமிழ்நாட்டுத் தொழிலாளிகளை உபயோகப்படுத்தாததினாலும் தான் இம்மாதிரி கோளாறுகள் ஏற்படுகிறது என்பது உண்மைதானா ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The machinery is old and I do not think the workers of South India could have done better than the workers of North India."